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## MEXICANS PLAN NEW ATTACK ON U. S. CAVALRY COLUMNS

### Occupation of Northern Mexico Considered at White House Conference

#### FIRST REGIMENT MAY LEAVE TONIGHT FOR THE MEXICAN BORDER

Muster of St. Louis Organization Completed Today and Orders for Move Are Expected by Members Soon After Gen. Clark Wires War Department This Afternoon That Unit Is Ready for Service.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

CAMP CLARK, NEVADA, Mo., June 24.—Muster in of the First Regiment, National Guard Missouri, at the State mobilization here, was completed today. This afternoon Brigadier-General Harvey C. Clark, national guard commander, will wire the War Department that the First Regiment is ready for Federal service.

A physical inspection of the men was completed today. It is the opinion of officers at headquarters that as soon as Gen. Clark's report reaches the War Department orders to move will be forthcoming. The regiment probably will move this afternoon or tonight.

The brigade muster is expected to be completed tonight. Gen. Clark admitted this morning that informal orders to hurry the process of mustering in the State troops had been received, but repeated his assertion that he had not yet received formal orders to move.

The delay that has held up the mustering in of State troops for 24 hours ended this morning when a telegram from the Department of Military Affairs was received at headquarters ordering the United States Army officers who are mustering the troops, under the command of Maj. Charles Miller, to proceed with the mustering under the provisions of the new Hay-Chamberlain bill.

The mustering officers worked all last night supervising the clerical phases of the mustering in process.

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Troops at Drill. The parade ground before Gen. Clark's headquarters was alive yesterday afternoon with troops drilling in company formations. Close and open order drill were taken up, the troops having reached a sufficient degree of proficiency.

#### FAIR TONIGHT; NOT MUCH CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE

THE TEMPERATURES.	
8 a. m.	85
10 a. m.	75
12 noon	80
2 p. m.	85
4 p. m.	80
6 p. m.	75
8 p. m.	70



H. CLAY PIERCE'S CHAUFFEUR  
IS ARRESTED FOUR TIMES

Big French Car, Shipped From New York, Is Without License, Despite Telegraphic Request.

Edward Kerr, sporting a dark purple uniform covered with gold braid, puttees and a fancy cap, was arrested the fourth time today for driving Henry Clay Pierce's imported French automobile on the streets without a license.

Kerr and the car were shipped to St. Louis from New York a few days ago by Pierce, who will be here in a day or two for a short visit to St. Louis.

Kerr explained at the police station, after being arrested at Sixth and Olive streets, that Pierce telegraphed to the Secretary of State from New York to send a license to his office in St. Louis, but that for some reason the license had not arrived. The reason, according to the police, is that the Secretary of State pays no attention to telegraphic requests for licenses unless a sworn application, accompanied by a certified check for the cost of the license, is on file in his office.

Kerr was disgruntled at being arrested so many times, and asked the police to arrange so that he would not be stopped by every policeman he met. He was taken to Prosecuting Attorney Sidener's office to see whether any such arrangement could be made pending the issuance of the license.

Private Fred Bayles of C Company, Second Infantry, has earned the title of tallest man in the brigade. He is 6 feet 7 1/4 inches tall. He weighs 225 pounds.

Miss Catherine Carmack and Miss Lola Locke of St. Louis were visitors at First Regiment headquarters yesterday, and guests of Capt. J. F. Carrack of I Company, brother of Miss Carmack.

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#### 14 DEAD, 43 CAPTURED, PERSHING'S LATEST REPORT ON CARRIZAL

Statement to Gen. Funston Today Indicates Those Who Fought With Capt. Boyd Were Practically Annihilated—One Packer and Eight Enlisted Men, Picked Up Yesterday, Confirm Stories of Other Fugitives.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 24.—Complete disorganization of the two troops that were engaged in disastrous combat Wednesday morning at Carrizal with Carranza's troops and the practical annihilation of those actually in the fight was indicated in a report from Gen. Pershing to Gen. Funston today.

One packer and eight enlisted men of C Troop and seven men of K Troop were picked up yesterday morning by Lieut. Meyer near Santa Maria. All were horse holders. The stories these men told were almost identical to those told by the other stragglers that reached the transmission lines yesterday.

Gen. Pershing in his report today referred to the number of those who previously had returned to American lines as 11, although in previous dispatches at seven. With those who were rescued by Lieut. Meyer, the total number of those who had returned was 27.

The total number of men in the two troops was learned today to have been 84. Gen. Pershing, offering a summary of his information and explanation that his conclusions were based on such information as he had secured from the stragglers and from press reports, called attention to the indications that there were 57 missing and that press reports indicated 14 of these were dead and 43 were prisoners. Gen. Pershing does not account in his report for the number wounded, but appears to assume that all those wounded had been captured.

Gen. Pershing reported that he had received no word from the commander of the two squadrons of the Eleventh Cavalry that had been sent forward to rescue the remnant of the Tenth.

All those brought in by Lieut. Meyer were horse holders and, like those who came into camp yesterday, were not actually in the fight.

The men had difficulty, they said, in having the horses when the furious machine gun and rifle fire began and retreated before the conclusion of the engagement. They had cared for such horses as they could round up after they got beyond range of the fire, but to full number of mounts in their possession when encountered by Lieut. Meyer being twenty-five.

The troopers told their stories before they had re-entered the camp and had an opportunity to talk with the man who had preceded them. The accounts they gave to Lieut. Meyer and that they afterwards related to officers at Gen. Pershing's headquarters were said to have borne out, in all essential details, those previously told.

They said they saw Gen. Felix Gomez and his aide ride forward to parley with Capt. Boyd, and later saw him move toward the fire line. The Mexican troops that had begun closing in on the American force. According to their story, the first intimation anyone had that hostilities were determined upon was the outbreak of machine gun fire.

Story of Attack Corroborated. They corroborated the accounts that said it was not until then that Capt. Boyd gave the command for his men to dismount and return the fire.

The Mexicans during the parley had crowded forward and had assumed such positions that when they attacked they were in position to sweep with killing fire the American line, standing exposed in the open.

Officers at Gen. Funston's headquarters seemed convinced after studying Gen. Pershing's latest report that all of the two troops that would be found now would be wounded. The analysis of the figures secured indicated that the number of wounded must be in excess of those that escaped injury and that therefore, the battered remnant could not have moved far from the scene of the fight.

Admission of these facts increased their apprehension as to the fate of the troopers. Their greatest hope today that nothing worse has befallen them and that they would be there when the relief force from the Eleventh finally got to them.

Although no news, official or otherwise, had been received today, the intimated the Mexicans had followed up their work of Wednesday, some of the officers professed keen anxiety to learn whether they had attacked again the broken and wounded band that manifestly was incapable of escaping or effectively resisting.

#### SPILLSBURY'S ALLEGED STORY OF CARRIZAL FIGHT

Statement From Chihuahua Attributed to Capt. Boyd's Mormon Scout, a Prisoner.

#### HE WANTED TO RETIRE

Assertion That Neither He Nor Captured Negroes Knew Which Side Fired First.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, June 24.—The 13 American negroes captured in the Carrizal battle have been placed in the penitentiary here. There have been no arrangements made for removing them to Juarez to be surrendered to American authorities.

Lem Spillsbury, the Mormon scout, captured at Carrizal, also is in prison. The prisoners were assaulted by Mexican civilians as they were being transferred from the train to the penitentiary, but were landed safely behind the walls of the building, and, according to the authorities, are being well treated.

The troopers brought here are Privates Page, Peterson, N. Lloyd, W. Ward, Jones, Socks, Marshall, Oliver, M. Donald, Williams, Glens, Stone, Harris, Lee and Graham of Troop H and Hove and Alexander of C Troop.

Alleged Spillsbury Statement. According to a statement said to have been signed by Spillsbury, which was made public today by Gen. Trevino, neither he nor the negroes knew which side began the firing.

Spillsbury's statement says that C Troop was first to advance against the Mexicans. It adds that practically all of the Americans who lost their lives were killed when they advanced to a deep ditch in which Mexicans were stationed and when other Mexicans, getting around to another deep ditch in their rear, attacked them from the flank.

In his statement, Spillsbury says that he never dreamed when he left Casas Grandes in company with Capt. Boyd that there would be any trouble, feeling confident that previous friendly relations would continue.

Expected Backdown. Capt. Morey and his men joined them en route, and the statement quotes Spillsbury as saying that during the conference with Gen. Gomez he was opposed to Capt. Boyd's "obstinacy," arguing that it would be best to retire until Gen. Trevino at Chihuahua had passed on their request to Gomez to be allowed to pass. Gomez explained, it is said, that an answer would come in three hours.

The statement recounts a supposed opinion by Spillsbury that Capt. Boyd was imbued with the idea that an action would bring him quick promotion, and also that the Mexicans would back down on a show of force. It credits the scout with having argued with Lieut. Adams the evening before against moving into the Carrizal territory in search of bandits and also says he admits having importuned Capt. Boyd at least to try to get around by some other road. It then gives Spillsbury's story as follows: "The troops were about 200 yards apart during the conference. Captains Boyd and Morey and I advanced half way to meet Gen. Gomez. It was 20 minutes after we had returned to our respective lines and Boyd had given numerous orders to his men, and they were standing with Lieut. Adams some distance away in line, before Boyd gave the order to advance."

"The opposing sides were within 100 yards of each other when the firing began. Neither the negroes or I knew who fired first. I remained behind."

"Troop C got as far as a deep ditch, where the Mexicans were placed. Practically all who lost their lives were there, including Boyd and Adams. The Mexicans did heavy execution with a machine gun and then, getting around to a deep ditch in the rear, attacked the Americans from that point."

"The whole of Troop C was surrounded and not many seemed to get away. The horseholders bolted with a few mounts, but the remainder were bottled up and captured. There were two American pack mules and one, but they evidently got away at the very start. H Troop apparently fared better, as it was farther away."

"A bullet took off my hat and another grazed my arm. One of the negroes who was captured is wounded."

"In jail here the negroes are very bitter about being led into what they call a deadlock. They were entirely in the open with natural defenses all around them, such as brush and ditches, which the Mexicans naturally took advantage of."

"The Mexicans engaged were about 250 in number."

The statement concluded by crediting Spillsbury with saying that in the first conference he told Lieutenant-Colonel Rivas that if he personally were able to get word to Gen. Pershing he believed he could avert the trouble threatened and that he concluded, when he heard after the fight that Gen. Gomez was killed, that he would be shot immediately.

#### WASHINGTON FEARS SITUATION IS BEYOND DIPLOMATIC CONTROL

American Troops Reported Advancing in Two Directions From Field Base.

#### MUST RETREAT OR FIGHT, GEN. TREVINO DECLARES

President, Lansing and Baker Discuss Possible Drastic Action, but Still Await Complete Report on Carrizal Massacre.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—An official dispatch from Mexico City today said it was reported there Gen. Carranza was preparing a reply to the last American note, and that it would be published in Mexico City, probably tomorrow, without waiting for its delivery to the United States.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, June 24.—American columns have been seen advancing from the American field base in the direction of San Antonio and Ojo Caliente, and Gen. Jacinto Trevino has issued orders to attack them if they do not immediately retreat.

Gen. Trevino said the Americans would get the same treatment that they received at Carrizal, and he is determined to carry out his orders to the letter. In this, he said, all his subordinates were with him and would stick with him in case of a rupture.

The Mexican commander said today that it seemed probable, inasmuch as Gen. Pershing seemed ignorant of the fate of the Boyd column, that outside of five additional prisoners now being brought here, and the horse leaders who escaped, that the Americans were annihilated. Gen. Pershing has wired here for the names of the dead and the prisoners.

It was officially announced today that none of the prisoners brought here will be hanged, that "not being the custom of a civilized country."

EL PASO, Tex., June 24.—Army officers here believe that the column bound for Ojo Caliente, which Gen. Trevino has threatened to attack, possibly is composed of troops surviving the Carrizal battle. Ojo Caliente is about 40 miles southwest of Villa Ahumada. San Antonio is 50 miles southeast of Namiquipa, and the mission of the column proceeding in that direction cannot be conjectured here unless it be to search for bandits.

#### Lansing and Baker Go Early to White House

Occupation of Most of Northern Mexico Virtually Certain if Carranza Accepts Responsibility for Attack on Americans at Carrizal.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Relations between the United States and the de facto Government of Mexico are close to the breaking point, today as a result of the apparently well-founded belief that American cavalrymen were massacred Wednesday at Carrizal by Carranza soldiers. Fears were expressed in official circles that even diplomatic representations from Mexico City could not prevent open hostilities between the two countries.

Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker were early at the White House today conferring with President Wilson. It is known that the possibility of drastic retaliatory action against the Mexican forces in Chihuahua was given grave consideration. If the Carranza Government accepts responsibility for the attack at Carrizal, it is considered virtually certain by officials that occupation of most of Northern Mexico will be ordered by President Wilson to take place as rapidly as the necessary military forces can be placed at the disposal of Gen. Funston.

Action awaits further reports from Gen. Pershing on the Carrizal attack. Preliminary reports have convinced officials here that the American troops were deliberately led into a trap. The only question remaining to be settled, it is indicated, is whether the Carranza Government ordered the attack or whether it was the work of a subordinate officer.

In the latter event, unqualified repudiation of his act and immediate surrender of prisoners probably will be demanded. Gen. Gomez, Carranza's commander at Carrizal, was killed in action, according to Mexican reports, so that if he gave orders to open fire he already has paid the penalty for his act.

Secretary Baker said after the White House conference today that no issue

### IN TOMORROW'S SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH

**THE REAL KITCHENER AND HIS REAL LIFE STORY**  
—First installment of the only authentic biography ever written of England's great soldier, who perished at sea.

**HOW EUROPE'S WAR IS  
SMASHING CHERISHED  
FINANCIAL ILLUSIONS—**  
A member of the great J. P. Morgan banking house has written an informative article telling how old banking traditions are being swept away.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE  
GREAT RUSSIAN DRIVE—**  
Frank H. Simonds tells what Slavie hopes are borne upon the crest of the great wave of Russian soldiers sweeping down toward Austria and Germany.

**A ST. LOUIS BOXER WHO  
HAS BECOME A SCULPTOR—**  
A true story of an extraordinary change wrought in the life of a young man who bids fair to win fame in his new avocation.

**THE OUTDOOR DRAMA—**  
A page in the ROTOGRAVURE SECTION showing in beautifully reproduced photographs how the passion for pageantry in natural settings is growing in this country.

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### AMERICAN AVIATOR IN FRENCH CORPS IS KILLED AT VERDUN

Corporal Victor Chapman Loses Life After Bringing Down Three German Aeroplanes.

PARIS, June 24.—Corporal Victor Chapman of New York, a member of the Franco-American flying corps, was killed yesterday at Verdun after bringing down three German aeroplanes.

Chapman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jay Chapman of New York City and the nephew of Mrs. William Astor Chanler. He was a pupil at L'Ecole de Beaux Arts when the war began and joined the French army—the Foreign Legion. He was wounded last Saturday in a combat with Capt. Boelcke, the famous German aviator, at Verdun.

### CORN PRODUCTS REFINING CO. ORDERED DISSOLVED BY COURT

NEW YORK, June 24.—Federal Judge Hand, in a decision filed today, sustained the Government complaint, asking the dissolution of the Corn Products Refining Co. and allied concerns.



## B. M. L. WILL AID RELATIVES OF THE SOLDIERS IN NEED

**Immediate Relief in All Cases of  
Emergency — Lawyers and  
Doctors Free.**

**TO GIVE 50 MOTOR CYCLES**

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**Officers' Reserve Corps Taking Subscriptions for the Machines for Scout Duty.**

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At a conference of Business Men's League members yesterday arrangements were made to take care of all those in distress who are dependent on St. Louis militamen who go to the front or to the mobilization camps.

In addition to a pledge of all necessary financial aid members of the Bar Association promised to perform without

The following statement was issued by J. Ikenberger Davis and Dwight F. Davis as spokesmen for the conference: "For the present any member of a national guardsman's family desiring any kind of assistance, legal, medical or financial, should call up the office of

the Business Men's League, Main 4320 or Central 4585, or call at its office in the Mechanics-American Bank Building, fifth floor, where the secretary will be glad to put them in immediate touch with the proper persons.

**Plan is Temporary.**  
"The committee thinks that it will be necessary to have a temporary office and to adopt a temporary plan for hand-

"Should it be necessary to adopt a permanent plan, all organizations co-operating will be called together for a general conference.

"The committee wishes to emphasize the fact that all emergency cases will be taken care of immediately."

The recently organized officers Re-

serve Corps, which already has donated two automobiles to the First Regiment, is collecting funds to provide 50 motorcycles for the regiment for use in scouting and dispatch service. The Officers' Reserve Corps also has sent socks and other supplies to the First Regiment men in camp at Nevada, Mo.

The Sherwin-Williams Co., paint dealers, will give full pay to employees al-

ready in the militia, or to those who may later volunteer, and will hold their places for them. This was announced by B. B. Cannon, manager of the Mississippi Valley district of the company, with headquarters in St. Louis. Two of

**Troop B Filled Up.**  
Recruiting Sergeant Fox of Troop B this morning received instructions from Lieut. E. A. Heltcamp at Nevada, Mo., to accept enlistment books and deposit of

Thirty men have applied for enlistment since the troop left its quarters at Oakland and Macklind avenues

Thursday night. Twelve have been accepted, and several more are awaiting approval from headquarters today.

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Have you helped the Poor? Send contribution to Provident Association.

## GORE AND REED IN HEATED EXCHANGE OVER MILITIA PAY

**Giving Enlisted Men \$30 a Month While in Service.**

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Objection by Senator Gore blocked immediate consideration in the Senate today of a bill

introduced by Senator Reed to increase the pay of enlisted men of the national guard while in the service to \$30 and resulted in a bitter exchange between the two Senators.

Senator Gore declared to pass such

a measure was to capitalize patriotism and notify the militiamen that they would be regarded as "sunshine patriots." This drew a vigorous denunciation from the Missouri Senator, who said it was unworthy of his col-

league to a supinely behind a mahogany desk and sneer at young men in khaki uniform preparing to defend their country.

The resolution was referred to the Military Committee.

**THREE WOMEN AND MAN,  
ALL NEGROES, ARE DROWNED**

Three women and a man, all negroes, were drowned at Horseshoe Lake, near Granite City, yesterday afternoon, when

Another boat was upset and five negroes were thrown into the lake, but

They were rescued. The Lovejoy School of Brooklyn, a negro town, was having its picnic at the lake and about 400 persons were present when the accident occurred.

**March Sugar Exports Increase.**  
WASHINGTON, June 24.—Sugar exports increased from 54,985,377 pounds in January last to 100,800,975 pounds in

January last to \$90,000,000 pounds in March, according to a special report prepared today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The chief increase was in the import to Norway.





## GERMANS COUNTER ATTACK IN EAST ON 80-MILE FRONT

Berlin Reports Gen. Von Linsingen's Forces Have Enveloped Russians and Are Slowly Pressing Them Back Towards Lutsk.

Czar's Men Resume Offensive Against Gen. Von Bethmer's Lines to Relieve Pressure in North.

French Recapture First Line Trenches Between Hills 321 and 320, Which They Lost Yesterday.

BERLIN, via London, June 24.—The German counter attack against the Russian under Gen. Brusilov in Volhynia has now developed over a front of 80 miles, extending from Kolki on the Stry River almost to the Galician frontier. Gen. von Linsingen's forces have enveloped the Russians who had driven a big bend into the Austro-German lines in front and on both flanks, and now, according to all reports reaching here, are slowly but surely pressing the Russians back all along the line in the general direction of Lutsk.

Although considerably reinforced, von Linsingen is confronted by highly superior numbers, which, however, have been unable to check his counter attack and start the Russian steam roller again in the direction of coveted Kolki and Vladimir-Volynski. The Russian losses here are described as enormous. Russian officers time and again led their men in desperate but fruitless charges against the German lines.

The country covered by these engagements is extremely difficult, impeded by woods and swamps and much of the fighting therefore has been at close quarters.

To relieve the pressure upon this semicircle before Lutsk the Russians have resumed the offensive against Gen. Count von Bethmer's line along the Galician frontier, but attacks here and southward along the Strpa River, although executed with great determination, failed to make any impression upon the Austro-German lines.

Russian gains are reported only on the lines in Bukovina south of Dniester. Here the Russians have not yet re-established contact with Gen. Pfanner's retiring army.

## RUSSIANS NEAR CARPATHIA PASSES

Bucharest Reports They Have Seized Railways Leading From Rumania Into Bukovina.

LONDON, June 24.—Last night's Russian official statement confirms what already had been learned from Austrian admissions, that Russians are overrunning Bukovina and are making a dash for the passes to the Carpathian Mountains. A report from Bucharest states that Russians have taken possession of two railways leading from Rumania into Bukovina.

The information that Germans and Austrians are bringing up reinforcements from the French and Italian fronts also is given in the communication from Petrograd.

By means of forced marches along the Rumanian frontier Russians have reached the extreme south of Bukovina and at Kutny on the north, and Gura Humora on the south. The Russian front also is given in the communication from Petrograd.

A good road about 100 miles long, runs through narrow valleys and gorges from Gura Humora by way of Kimpung, Hungary, and Dorna Watra to Hirtza, Hungary, offering Russian troops a most excellent opening into their enemy's country.

Russians in their pursuit of Austrians have crossed four rivers—the Dniester, Pruth, Sereth and Suceava.

The official statement on the campaign in France and Belgium issued by the war office last night follows:

"Yesterday there was considerable activity in the air along our front. There were 22 combats, mostly indecisive, but two of our machines were brought down. Our artillery obtained direct hits on two hostile aircraft batteries.

"Last night the enemy employed gas southwest of Messines. No infantry attack developed. At midnight we successfully exploded a mine opposite Haines and occupied the lip of the crater.

"Today there was no action of any importance to report."

Russians Drive From Paltak Passes, Turkey Report.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, June 24.—Russian forces which were attempting to enter the Mesopotamian Plains through one of the passes of the Persian frontier, have been driven out of the pass to the eastward by Turkish troops, the War Office announced today. The official statement follows:

"Mesopotamian front: The situation is unchanged. Attacks by our troops resulted in the Russian who were in Paltak Pass being driven out in the direction of Kerind. Paltak Pass lies 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Kar-I-Shirin in a hilly country.

Austrians Drop Bombs on Venice, Killing Six Persons.

VENICE, June 24.—Austrian aeroplanes dropped bombs on Venice yesterday, killing six persons. The material damage was insignificant.

French Recapture Ground Lost Between Hills 320 and 321.

PARIS, June 24.—Undertaking a vigorous offensive, the French drove back the Germans over ground which they lost yesterday, between hills 320 and 321. The battle was particularly violent

## Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dick Leaving Church at Bar Harbor Day Before Their Marriage



This snapshot was made 24 hours before the then Mrs. John Jacob Dick. They had been to St. Saviour's Church, at Bar Harbor, to rehearse their marriage ceremony. This is the first photograph of the couple made after the announcement of their engagement.

In the vicinity of Fluery. The French did not succeed in regaining possession of Thiaumont Work. More than six German divisions participated in the offensive actions east of the Meuse yesterday.

Late details show that yesterday's fighting near Verdun equalled in fury anything yet experienced. The total German forces engaged on a two-mile front are estimated at two thousand and five divisions. It was only by the last overwhelming rush, when the defenders were worn out and thinned by many hours of bombardment, that the enemy succeeded in rushing the Thiaumont work and the adjacent advanced trenches.

The Thiaumont fortification covered the approaches to Fluery and the enemy hoped to continue the charge and sweep away the defenders of the latter place, but the French counter attack with such vigor that it failed.

Brother of Greek King Said to Have Visited Berlin.

LONDON, June 24.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says that Prince George, brother of the King of Greece, arrived in Berlin, conferred with the Imperial Chancellor and departed for Switzerland.

54 ADDITIONAL AEROPLANES ORDERED FOR BORDER USE

Twelve Craft Now at Columbus Are of No Value Because of Propeller Trouble.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Orders were given today for the purchase of 54 additional aeroplanes for border use. They will be of the high power type recently sent to the border and orders will be distributed among manufacturers in order to speed up delivery.

Gen. Funston now has 12 of these craft at Columbus, but at the present time none of the dozen machines can be used on account of propeller trouble, although they have been found highly satisfactory in every other respect.

Gen. Funston has asked also for the return to Columbus of the first shipment of lighter power machines sent to the border. They were found unsuitable by army aviators for the work then before them, and sent to the aviation school at San Diego.

The big machines can be given durable propellers, it is proposed to get the light craft back for such duty as they can perform.

Lack of aeroplanes with the expedition in Mexico is blamed for the long delay in obtaining exact information as to what happened at Carrizal.

GERMANS TAKE BRITISH SHIP, BELGIAN REFUGEES ON BOARD

Destroyer Takes Prize Into Zebrugge

Talburg With Passengers and Mail.

LONDON, June 24.—The British steamship Brussels with passenger on board, has been captured by German destroyers and taken into Zebrugge. It is stated there were no Americans on the Brussels.

Most of the passengers were Belgian refugees on their way to England. The vessel which was captured yesterday was on her way from Rotterdam to Tilbury and carried mail. She is 1380 tons gross.

Tilbury is on the Thames, on the outskirts of London. The route from Rotterdam to Tilbury lies across the southern end of the North Sea.

RANKEN TRACT BILLS HEARINGS

Measure to Vacate Streets and Alleys

Hearings on the bills to vacate streets and alleys in the Ranken tract for use by the Terminal Railroad Association and as a partial consideration for the transfer of some of the company's trackage to the city, will begin Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The hearings will be conducted by the Public Utilities Committee of the Board of Aldermen in the chamber of the board at the city hall. Chairman Gregory says he expects to grant several hearings before the board adjourns for the summer.

Preparations Made in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, June 24.—More than 5,000 men and women, or nearly 10 per cent of the population of Cincinnati, are expected to march in the preparedness parade here today.

## SALOON KEEPER WITNESS ARRESTED AT POLICE TRIAL

John Golden Uses Forceful Language to Two Women and Is Locked Up.

John (Skinny) Golden of 1129 South King's highway was arrested yesterday outside the Police Commissioners' room at headquarters on two charges of peace disturbance.

Golden, who had been in retirement from the spotlight of publicity since he removed his saloon from Thirtieth and Market streets to the King's highway address, was a witness in the trial of Sgt. Thomas O'Meara, charged with neglect of duty.

On the night of May 31 two shots were fired at a restaurant conducted by Mrs. Oscar Evans and Miss Rose O'Donnell at 4576 Manchester avenue.

Sgt. O'Meara went to Golden's saloon, from which place the shots seemed to have been fired, but finding no one in the place, he was held by one of the reports must have been the back-firing of an automobile and dropped the matter.

The following day Mrs. Evans complained at the Magnolia Avenue Police Station that the shots had been fired at her son. O'Meara was ordered to appear before the Police Board.

While Mrs. Evans and Miss O'Donnell were waiting in an ante-room to be called to testify Golden overheard them discussing the case and became angry. He started out to call up but that "the boys" told him to stay out of the rain and that they would "fix it."

Just to show the patrolman how much of a "pull" the Thirtieth Ward Republican politicians had the Commissioners fined him \$10 and 10 demerits.

Patrolman Richard Graham of Central District, charged with being too attentive to a married woman on his beat, was dismissed from the service.

Patrolman Charles Getts of the Laclede Avenue District was acquitted of the charge of striking George Gruenewald, a chauffeur. Patrolman Patrick Sommers of the Dayton Street District was fined \$25 for reporting at rollcall intoxicated. Patrolman William M. Cohen of the North Market Street District was fined \$20 for failing to patrol his beat and insubordination.

Golden's Son and Another Man Are Also Arrested.

As an aftermath to the scene at police headquarters when Golden was arrested, James F. Golden, his son, and Thomas Connell, 494 Manchester avenue, were arrested in the alley behind a restaurant conducted by the women at 4576 Manchester avenue.

Mrs. Evans was informed that two men were peering at her through a crack in the fence and that they had revolvers. She summoned patrolmen and Golden and Connell were arrested.

Two loaded revolvers were found near where the men had been standing. The men denied owning the weapons.

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## SALESWOMAN GETS A \$3000 VERDICT AGAINST EMPLOYER

Bertha Hueffemier's Charges Were Denied by David I. Olan.

A jury in Circuit Judge Kinsey's court yesterday returned a verdict of \$3000 in favor of Miss Bertha Hueffemier, 26 years old, of 4606 Newberry terrace against David I. Olan, proprietor of the Ford Cioak Co., 515 Washington avenue, for an alleged attack upon her.

Miss Hueffemier was employed by the defendant in the sales department, then the Addison Cioak Co. She declared that when she entered Olan's private office on business one day last August he closed the door and attempted to make love to her.

She said that against her will he put his hands upon her and forcibly kissed her.

In the struggle with him she was thrown to the floor, she said. She attempted to make an outcry but because of the position in which she was held was unable to call out loudly, she said. She said she finally broke away from Olan and ran out of the room. She left his employ immediately.

Miss Hueffemier testified that a week before this he attempted to embrace her.

Olan denied the charge. He declared that Miss Hueffemier had gone to his office to get a check signed for her department manager and that in leaving the office she stumbled against a chair and fell. He denied that he attacked her or that he had kissed her.

When Miss Hueffemier was on the stand the defendant's attorney asked if she had associated with a married man by the name of Cunningham. Her attorney, Taylor Young, objected to the question as having nothing to do with the case and was sustained by Judge Kinsey. Evidence showed she bore a good reputation.

Olan is married and lives at 553 Waterman avenue with his family.

FIVE OF WARSHIP'S 14-INCH SHELLS HIT 5000-YARD TARGET

Boom of Superdreadought Nevada's Big Guns Heard 40 Miles; Great Record for Marksmanship.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., June 24.—Smashing targets with her big guns at a range of from 2000 to 7000 yards, the superdreadought Nevada, one of the greatest ships in the American navy, is making an excellent record in Chesapeake Bay, off Tangiers Sound.

The firing can be heard 40 miles. Five consecutive hits with 14-inch shells in as many minutes, at 5000 yards, are reported to have been made by the big ship Thursday.

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## JUDGE REFUSES TO TAKE ORPET CASE FROM JURY

Defense Overruled; Court Adjudges Until Monday, When Defense Will Be Begun.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 24.—The defense in the case of Will H. Orpet charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, was overruled by Judge Donnelly today when it asked that the case be taken from the jury and the defendant discharged.

Court adjourned until Monday when James H. Wilkerson will make the opening statement for the defense.

Argument seeking to have the case taken from the jury was begun at the opening of court by Wilkerson, chief counsel for Orpet.

He first took up the testimony of the chemists, who appeared for the State and pointed out that while the potassium cyanide taken from the ash heap and to which the defendant previously had access, showed forty-nine per cent of full strength, that found on Marion's hand analyzed fifty-eight per cent potassium cyanide and thirty-nine per cent of potassium carbonate, the latter resulting from decomposition of the cyanide.

Cyanide available to Marion in the laboratory of the high school which she attended analyzed ninety-one per cent.

"If we add the fifty-eight per cent plus of cyanide and thirty-nine per cent carbonate we have eighty-nine per cent, or practically the same as the high school cyanide," said Wilkerson.

He next took up the point of the alleged yellowish stains in the snow and quoted the testimony of Dr. Ralph Webster, toxicologist, as explaining that cyanide would leave a yellowish stain on a white handkerchief owing to its reaction on the fibre of the linen, but he did not state that it would discolor pure snow, Wilkerson contended.

"Main Reasonable Doubt."

Attorney Ralph F. Potter of the defense, in arguing for the motion to discharge, said the element of reasonable doubt loomed large on the two essential points: Did Orpet have potassium cyanide and did he administer it?

"The fact, he said, that Orpet and Marion were alone in Helm's Woods at the time of her death, comes far from proving that murder was committed."

"Marion," continued Potter, "knew that she was not in a delicate condition. There was, therefore, no reason why she should take medicine."

"She was, however, unhappy because she had heard that Orpet was to marry another girl. She confided this to two of her friends, Miss Davis and Miss Russell, and told Miss Davis she might kill herself. Miss Lambert was familiar with the action she had heard that Orpet was to her at home and at her high school. It has not been shown that Orpet knew where the cyanide was in the green house on the estate of which his father is superintendent, and certainly had not been shown that he took it."

"Now, as to motive. Here is a boy 20 and a girl 18. There was a love affair and correspondence running the gamut of emotions. He admitted to her in the end that there was another girl. In this there is certainly no motive for murder."

It is said that when Orpet takes the stand he will declare that he is innocent of Marion Lambert's murder, that she did not die at his feet in Helms Woods but that he did not see her take poison, and when he fled from the woods in panic he had no idea what had killed her and did not know why a number of poison caused her death until after his arrest.

Des Moines—it will be ten or fifteen days before the National Guard will be fully ready to go to the border, but, if imperative, it can depart inside of three or four days.

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Frankfort—The State will have three regiments recruited in full within a day or two. All are ready to move to the mobilization camp, but have not received the order.

LOUISIANA.

Baton Rouge—it will take about a week to mobilize and muster the Louisiana troops, one regiment of infantry, one battery of artillery and one troop of cavalry. The artillery could be sent direct from New Orleans. It is ready. The companies of the First Regiment are mobilized at their home stations. They go to camp today.

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Lansing.—The Michigan troops are ready to move now at peace strength. Additional equipment from the United States will be necessary. The men will depart today for the mobilization point.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson.—Five companies of the First Regiment are in the concentration camp and the other seven are ordered to camp ready to entrain for Jackson at an hour's notice.

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City Asks Reduction in the Price of Gas

Negotiations are in progress between the city and the Laclede Gas Light Co. It became known at the city hall today, for a reduction of 5 cents a thousand cubic feet in the gas rate.

The present rates are 90 cents gross and 80 cents net, and the new rate proposed is 85 cents gross and 75 cents net. It is estimated, on the basis of 1915 consumption, that the reduction of the rate as asked by the city would result in a saving of \$119,000 a year to consumers.

Have you helped the Poor? Send contribution to Provident Association.

The self-respecting tenant, who would respect your property, too, might be reached by an ad in the Post-Dispatch during the next few weeks.

## DELAY IN SOME CASES IS DUE TO SLOW RECRUITING AND LACK OF EQUIPMENT

Reports From Several States Is That Their Militiamen Would Be Ready to Depart a Few Hours After Receiving Orders to Move.

A NATION-WIDE inquiry by the Post-Dispatch brought from its correspondents the following information as to the extent to which the militia in the different states is ready to start for the Mexican border.

In every state at least a part of the troops is ready to go practically at once. Lack of equipment, and delay in bringing regiments to a full war basis is the chief delaying factor. Some states have not been heard from.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock.—The first detachment of Arkansas troops will depart for the border Monday or Tuesday. Five or six companies will be ready by that time.

CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento.—The Second Regiment is mobilized at Sacramento ready to move. Other divisions will be mobilized by Monday. The cavalry squadron is ready. The total force is about 4000 men, the minimum strength. Recruiting is slow.

COLORADO.

Denver.—Colorado will be prepared to entrain one battalion of infantry and one company of the Signal Corps Tuesday night and follow them on Saturday with four troops of cavalry. Two batteries of artillery and one field hospital company will go later.

CONNECTICUT.

Hartford.—The State troops will depart for the mobilization camp early tomorrow. They are ready for border duty at any time. Recruiting continues strong. Although the ranks are still under war strength. An epidemic of measles was discovered just as Company M of Torrington was about to entrain. Only 100 men in camp today.

DELAWARE.

Dover.—The militia can depart within 24 hours. The last company completed its full quota today and will join the full regiment tomorrow.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville.—The Second Florida Infantry is ready.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta.—The Georgia Hussars of Savannah are ready. Three companies of the Fifth Infantry are up to war strength. The regiment is short 100 men.

ILLINOIS.

Springfield.—The Illinois regiment of cavalry is ready. It will take 10 days to get the infantry away. It began to mobilize in Springfield yesterday.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.—State troops are concentrating at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Three complete batteries of artillery and a signal and ambulance corps may be ready by Monday or Tuesday. More than 3500 men are under arms. Governor Ralston has asked permission to form a new infantry brigade.

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JEFFERSON CITY.—Missouri militia entirely mobilized.

NEBRASKA.

Lincoln.—The militia, 1200 strong, is ready to move in a few days.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh.—In the State ready to move are three regiments of infantry, two troops of cavalry and a field ambulance corps, total strength estimated at 3800. Under present orders they will mobilize at Camp Glenn today. Wednesday and the following Saturday.

OHIO.

Columbus.—If the national guard is taken at its peace strength, plus the recruits obtained since the call, it would be ready to go tomorrow morning. The companies are at their home stations. The recruiting has been slower than anticipated.

OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma City.—The State troops have been ordered mobilized at Fort Sill, near Lawton, at once. There is much confusion in account of the changes in the point of mobilization. Eighteen organizations are under arms at local points. The troops should all be in camp by tomorrow.

OREGON.



## TWO BENEFITS GIVEN FOR MILK AND ICE FUND

Good Results From Each Entertainment to Help Post-Dispatch Save Babies.

### HOW PENNY IDEA HELPS

Sum of \$2.50 Raised by Charging an Admission of but Two Cents.

### CONTRIBUTIONS.

Previously acknowledged \$574.44

The penny idea in its application to the raising of funds for saving the babies of the tenement districts of St. Louis from serious effects of the malaria which usually assails them during hot weather, was again demonstrated at several children who gave an entertainment at the home of Dorothy Richter, 1234 Morrison avenue. In that instance, however, the penny was made to do service in pairs, the admission charge being two cents. The sum raised was \$2.50, which shows that the young people attracted an audience of most of whom were girls and boys, and there was a good sprinkling of grown people.

Exemplifying the patriotic spirit now holding sway throughout the nation, the youthful entertainers opened the evening program by singing "America," during which the audience stood and at the close vented its enthusiasm in cheering.

This patriotic demonstration by the little folk was followed by the production of a playlet entitled, "Dr. Brown and His Patients." The cast was made up of Eugene Richter, Dorothy Uhlentau, Louise Cheerer and Dolores Richter. Other features on the program were readings, including "Curly Head," by Dorothy Richter; "The House of Two Much Trouble," by James O'Reilly; "Grandma Pays the Bills," by Dolores Richter; "A Wish," by Louise Cheerer; "The Disturber," by Martin Higgins; "No Baby," by the House of Two Much Trouble; "The Country School," by Dolores Richter; "Auction Off the Baby," by Dorothy Uhlentau, and a closing song by the entire company.

**Children Participating.** Those who participated in the charming entertainment are Annie, Eugene, Dorothy and Dolores Richter of 1234 Morrison avenue; Martin Higgins of 1123 Morrison avenue; Louise Cheerer of East Alton, Ill.; James O'Reilly of 1114 Paul street, and Dorothy Uhlentau of 1130A Morrison.

Four plays were given by several children living on the same avenue and adjacent thoroughfares, from which there resulted earnings of \$3.75 for the Post-Dispatch Pure Milk and Free Ice Fund. "The Kidnaped Child," a tragedy from which happiness ensued, was admirably produced, as were "The Witch's Daughter" and "The Country School." These were followed by the familiar and ever-popular "Blue Beard" play which was produced with intelligent earnestness and marked effect. A large audience displayed much enthusiasm over the excellent performances by the children.

**Thanks to Women.** The girls and boys desire through the Post-Dispatch to thank Mrs. Harry Crown of 4823 Greer avenue for the use of her yard for the productions and for the other generous co-operation, also the Kemp of 4823 Greer avenue, who donated a croqueted robe which was adopted by the children with good results.

Those who appeared in the entertainment were Mildred Meinhardt, 4512 Greer avenue; Fay Smith, 475A St. Louis avenue; Dorothy Kille, 4555 Greer; Marietta Mathias, 4514 St. Louis; Ruth Backer, 2661 North Bayard avenue; Dorothy Pearson, 4787 Greer; Donald Dunaway, 204 North Bayard; Edward Meinhardt, 4512 Greer; Roy Sutton, 4784 Greer; Robert Pearson, 478 Greer, and Francis Wood, 4514 Greer.

These children last year earned \$5.50 for the fund.

### 'GREECE CAN NOW TAKE UP HER LIFE ANEW,' SAYS VENIZELOS

Former Premier Declares That He Will Stand to Resume Old Seat in Athens.

LONDON, June 24.—The Daily Mail correspondent in Athens sends this interview with former Premier Venizelos: "Today Greece steps anew on a path of legality. The allies' note solved the situation from which there was no other issue. The just severity of its tone and sincerity of its motives, its expressly drawn distinction between Greek people and Government, give it more than anything else a paternal character towards the people of this country. The protecting Powers have acted only like parents reclaiming a son's birthright. Greece has taken up her life anew and faces the future with unclouded eyes. The Zaimis Cabinet can be counted upon to end all friction instantly between Greece and the allied Powers. After necessary proclamation we shall have election early in August and, as source, as we return to a parliamentary regime I too shall return to it and shall stand again for my old seat at Athens."

### FORCED TO SALUTE THE FLAG

LOLA, Kan., June 24.—Incensed at the report that an itinerant Socialist speaker had insulted the American flag in a speech in Courthouse Park last night, a crowd of business men forced the speaker to salute the Stars and Stripes. Persons who heard the speech say the speaker's insult to the country's national emblem was bitter. He was heard in a drug store, where he had been seen on previous occasions. The speaker said he had no intention of saluting the flag and declared

## Membership Buttons to Be Given to All Pure Milk League Workers



Membership in the league is won by helping to save the babies. A membership card also will be given to each person who thus qualifies.

## 400 LOST WHEN MERCURY SANK IN THE BLACK SEA

Harrowing Scenes Ensued After Mine Explosion, Survivors Declare.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 24.—Four hundred persons lost their lives, according to latest reports, when the Russian passenger steamer Mercury was sunk in the Black Sea by a mine. The total number of persons aboard the steamship was approximately 550. The disaster occurred about 10 o'clock in the morning off the village of Grigorovka. The passengers felt a tremendous shock in the forward part of the vessel which staggered ahead for three ship lengths and then went down bow foremost in five minutes. Survivors tell harrowing stories of the scenes that ensued. All available steamers and tugs hastened from Odessa and rescued the survivors clinging to life belts and wreckage. Five were taken from the mast head a few feet above the water. Many women still clasped babies in their arms. The passenger steamer Kniapotenkin had just preceded the Mercury and although aware of the disaster the passengers forcibly prevented the captain from putting back to give aid.

## INDIANS OFFER COMPANY, FORM ANOTHER, TO FIGHT FOR U. S.

Carlisle and Haskell Graduates Among Men Preparing to Volunteer for Mexican Crisis.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 24.—Onelia Reservation Indians west of Green Bay, many of whom served in the Spanish-American war and whose fathers were Civil War soldiers, are organizing a company to offer their services as volunteers.

The include many Carlisle and Haskell graduates and Tom Schenadora, former cadet captain and football player, and Jonas Whitehead, famous Carlisle football captain.

The Menominee Indian military company, at Shawnee, organized for the diversion of Stockbridge, Menominee and Crippewa Indians, has notified Gov. Phillips it is ready to volunteer in case of a call. Five Indians brought to Eau Claire from various reservations to testify in the Federal court in liquor cases, enlisted today at the regular recruiting station, hoping to serve in Mexico.

### GOING AWAY!

This is to remind you that before you start you should order the POST-DISPATCH. Have it mailed daily and Sunday and change the address whenever necessary. Price 45 cents a month, including postage.

### OFFERS BOAT PLANT TO NAVY

Grafton Concern Makes Proposal Construct on English River. The Ripley Manufacturing and Steel Boat Co. of Grafton, Ill., has offered to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, through Congressman Rainey of Illinois, to turn their boat building plant over to the Government in case of war. The company, in a letter, states that "we are prepared to construct most any sized boat," and says that the firm in 1915 "fabricated four steel boat hulls for the United States Government." The only remuneration asked by the company is compensation to cover overhead expenses and interest on the investment.

### ALLAN'S FOOT-EASE FOR THE TROOPS

Many war zone hospitals have ordered Allan's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder, for use among the troops. Shaken into Allan's Foot-Ease gives rest and comfort and prevents the feet getting tired or sore. Drug and Department Stores everywhere sell it. Don't accept any substitute. Try it today.

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## VON HOLLWEG INDORSES SPEECH AGAINST ANNEXING BELGIUM

Socialist's Expression as to Chancellor's Position Correct, Semi-official Statement Says.

LONDON, June 24.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that the German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, has published an authorized statement in the semi-official North German Gazette, that he indorses the speech delivered at Breslau, June 23, by Philipp Scheidemann, a Socialist member of the Reichstag. In which Scheidemann asserted that the Chancellor was opposed to the annexation of Belgium and to other far-reaching plans for pan-German expansion. The Chancellor has been challenged to discredit Scheidemann's speech.

Herr Scheidemann, in his speech at Breslau, referred to a publication by the Belgian Minister of State, Emile Vandevelde, in which the Chancellor's policy was described as aiming at the annexation of Belgium and all the occupied French districts. He added that when six pan-German associations a year ago submitted to the Chancellor their project of conquest, several Socialists protested to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, who, he said, declared that he rejected and firmly disapproved of such plans.

### GEN. HAENSCHEN IN CHARGE OF SCRAGGS' VIETOLA DEPARTMENT.

The Scrags-Vandervort-Barney store has placed Gen. Haensch in charge of its Vietola department. Haensch, however, will continue playing with his orchestra at night at dances at the Sunset Hill Country Club and at other social functions. He is a pianist and composer of many of the modern dance steps. Last month Haensch and his drummer, T. J. Schiffer, went to New York, where they played for two madley dance records. This was the first attempt, Haensch said, to register piano and drum music together on phonographic records, although piano, banjo and drum music had been unusually successful. Haensch is 27 years old and a graduate of Washington University in mechanical engineering.

## 3 MEXICANS, ONE AMERICAN READY FOR 'PEACE CONFERENCE'

Efforts to Find W. J. Bryan Falls, and Dr. Jordan, Other Two Designated.

NEW YORK, June 24.—The American Union against militarism, which has invited William Jennings Bryan, Dr. David Starr Jordan and Frank P. Walsh to join with three representative Mexicans at El Paso in an unofficial "peace conference," announced last night that four of the six men had accepted and would leave at once for the border. Walsh is the only American who has written his acceptance, but all three Mexicans who were requested to serve have expressed their willingness to do so. They are Modesto U. Rollan of Yucatan, prominent engineer who has offices in New York; Dr. Atl, editor of a weekly in Mexico City, and Luis Manuel Rojas, director of the National Library of Mexico City. Efforts made by the union to find Bryan and Jordan thus far have been unavailing.

## "SAVED MY BABY"

Grateful Mother Always Keeps Father John's Medicine in the House



A message from Lock Haven, Pa., says, "My two children, husband and mother use Father John's Medicine and recommend it highly. It saved the life of my boy who was in poor health from birth until he took Father John's Medicine. The children cry for it and we are never without it in the house." (Signed) Mrs. Anna Sellers, 113 Grant St., Lock Haven, Pa. Because they know it is a safe medicine for children as well as for people from the fact that it contains no opium, morphine, chloroform or other dangerous drugs, thousands of mothers use Father John's Medicine in their homes right along. It is a pure, wholesome tonic, food medicine, which builds new flesh and strength and gives resisting power against disease. Begin taking it today. Get what you call for—ADV.

## SAGER HAS TALK WITH HUGHES AND WILL SUPPORT HIM

Predicts Total Disintegration of the Progressive Party Within a Few Days.

### NIEDRINGHAUS A CALLER

Missouri for Hughes, He Says—Hotel Clerks Fail to Recognize Fairbanks.

By Bureau Wire From the New York Office of the Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, June 24.—Two Progressive party leaders, Elton H. Hooker, the party's national treasurer, and Arthur N. Sager, Progressive candidate for United States Senator in Missouri in 1916, now of New York, talked with Mr. Hughes yesterday. Sager, after conferring with Mr. Hughes, said: "The Progressive party has no function since the nomination of Mr. Hughes. I believe the election of Mr. Hughes is essential to the welfare of the nation. I am one of those who have lately felt that the defeat of Mr. Wilson was more important than the ambitions of any one man, or even the existence of the Progressive party. I believe the Progressive party has accomplished all that is possible and that its total disintegration is a matter of only a few more days."

### THOMAS K. NIEDRINGHAUS, FORMER REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM MISSOURI, WHO WAS ANOTHER CALLER, SAID HIS STATE WOULD ROLL UP A HUGHES PLURALITY.

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### TAIL GENTLEMAN CALLS.

An extremely tall gentleman, gray-sulc, gray-hatted and chin-whiskered, stepped up to the cigar counter in the Hotel Astor at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, inquiring: "Where can I find Mr. Charles E. Hughes?"

"Better inquire over at the hotel desk," answered the cigar man.

He crossed over to the desk, asked again for Mr. Hughes and was advised to see the clerk in charge of inquiries, which he did, smiling all the time and uttering no complaint.

"Will it be possible for me to see Mr. Charles E. Hughes?" he mildly inquired. "I have an engagement with him for 4 o'clock."

"If you'll let me have your card," replied the clerk politely, "I'll send it up and see if Mr. Hughes can receive you. He's a pretty busy man, you know."

"Thank you," remarked the tall gentleman, who tendered a card, which read:

Mr. Charles Warren Fairbanks.

The clerk, showing no sign of recognition, said:

"Just take a seat. Mr. Fairbanks. I'll send up and find out if Mr. Hughes can see you."

Mr. Fairbanks waits.

Mr. Fairbanks, once Vice President and again a candidate for the chair on the Republican ticket with Mr. Hughes, flopped down in a wicker chair. A newspaper reporter spied him and quickly informed the Hughes headquarters managers. Directly, Crossett, one of Mr. Hughes' secretaries, hurried down and piloted Mr. Fairbanks into the presence of Mr. Hughes.

It was their first meeting since their nomination and they talked behind closed doors for more than an hour.

"Mr. Fairbanks and I had a very pleasant chat," was all Mr. Hughes would say.

"There is nothing I can say of our conference," said Mr. Fairbanks, on leaving the Hughes headquarters. "I shall have no statement to make until after formal ceremonies of notification and the speeches of acceptance by Mr. Hughes and myself."

Elthu Root called on Mr. Hughes for the first time yesterday and talked with him for upward of two hours.

Neither Mr. Hughes nor Mr. Root would say anything about their talk.

Mr. Root, however, was attached to the visit by Mr. Hughes' supporters. One Republican, closely allied with the pre-convention presidential boom for Mr. Hughes, declared that if Mr. Hughes should be elected Elthu Root would be offered the secretaryship of state.

### FIVE ARE KILLED IN FIRE IN TWO HOTELS AT NEEDLES, CAL.

Flames Destroy the Entire Business District of Town in the Early Morning.

NEEDLES, Cal., June 24.—Fire swept the desert town of Needles early today, destroying the entire business section and causing the death of at least 5 persons in two hotels destroyed. Several other persons were injured. The loss was estimated at \$175,000.

Fifteen business houses and four residences were destroyed.

Several heroic rescues were made from the smoke-filled hotel halls by firemen and volunteers. Survivors are being checked over and search is being made for the bodies.

Needles lies on the banks of the Colorado River at the California-Arizona boundary. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad maintains large shops here.

CELIA, Mary, met I'll bet to Lettie Brock, 23 floor, 308 N. 6th st., and get you a diamond ring on easy credit terms.

### PACIFIST MEETING TOMORROW.

A pacifist meeting, under direction of the International Brotherhood of Welfare Association, will be held at 1113 Clark avenue at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. The subject for discussion will be: "Why War With Our Neighbors?" The speakers will be Cora D. Harvey, James E. How and the Rev. T. E. Green. "The Spirit of Peace" will be the subject of a tomorrow morning meeting of the Brotherhood of Daily Life at 123 Olive street.

## SHERIFF SECOND TO END HIS LIFE OVER MURDER OF JUDGE

Left Note Saying He Had Been Suspected of Alabama Killing, but Was Innocent.

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala., June 24.—Sheriff Robert Phillips of Madison County shot and killed himself at the county jail here late yesterday. It was the second suicide growing out of the recent murder of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler. The sheriff left a note saying he had been suspected of the murder, but that he was innocent.

H. S. Pleasant, an attorney, killed himself here last Tuesday, leaving a letter saying he feared he was suspected of complicity in the murder. Several men are under arrest.

Sheriff Phillips was known as a political friend of D. D. Overton, Lawler's opponent in a recent primary, who is being sought in connection with the murder.

Phillips recently issued a statement replying to criticism of his failure to arrest Overton, declaring he was doing all he could to apprehend him.

Phillips' note said that the fact that he and his son, Marcus, went last week to the vicinity of the place where Judge Lawler's body was found to serve a summons had directed suspicion toward him.

It is more than I can live under, the note said. "The man I thought a gentleman has fooled me. I don't want the stain on my children. I can't stand to be accused of such a crime."

The note did not name the man who "fooled" the sheriff, but added: "I liked Judge Lawler, even though I worked against him, and I was fooled."

### CROWD CAPTURES A SUSPECT

Girl Says Man Tried to Rob Her as She Got on Street Car.

Miss Lenna Barr of 4113 Westminster street, employed as a stenographer by Butler Brothers, was boarding an Olive car at Eighteenth street last evening when she felt a hand in her purse. She seized the man, but he broke away. He was followed by a crowd of men and captured at Eighteenth and Locust streets.

He gave the name of Fred Brewington, 25 years old, of 2803 Chouteau avenue, and denied having tried to rob Miss Barr.

### GETS LIFE TERM FOR KILLING SISTER.

PARIS, Ill., June 24.—Steven Mitchell was sentenced today to life imprisonment in Chester penitentiary for murdering his sister.

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## PROPOSAL TO MAKE PART OF RIVER DES PERES INTO LAKE

Bill Presented by Alderman Provides for \$40,000 Outlay to Make Place for Aquatic Events.

Widening of River des Peres in Forest Park so as to provide a lake wide enough to hold a mile long and 60 feet wide, for regattas and other aquatic events, is contemplated in a bill introduced in the Board of Aldermen yesterday by Alderman Felt. The work would cost about \$40,000, which the bill appropriates.

Alderman Felt has presented bills for a new locker building at the South side swimming pool, Omaha and Gasconade streets. An appropriation of \$40,000 for the purpose is authorized in his bill.

Forty thousand dollars for the improvement of the lake in Carondelet Park, by building a boat landing and public comfort station, locker and bath house and constructing an athletic field, was introduced at Friday's meeting of the board by Alderman Richter.

Illinois Oil Man Kills Self.

LITCHFIELD, Ill., June 24.—Oscar Ash, the Litchfield representative of the Standard Oil Co., who traveled over the territory adjacent to Litchfield, killed himself last night at his home here by swallowing carbolic acid. He was about 35 years old. He leaves a widow and two children. No cause for his act has been revealed.

Fire Damages Woman's Flat.

Fire at 10:30 o'clock last night damaged the flat of Miss Anna McGrath, 606 Delmar boulevard, to the extent of \$200. The origin has not been determined.

## CUSTOMERS FORMING CLUB TO KEEP FAUST RESTAURANT OPEN

Famous Cafe Next Close Unless Outside Aid Is Received.

To prevent the famous Faust Restaurant at Broadway and Elm street from going out of business July 1, many customers are signing an agreement to join the Downtown Faust Club, the members of which will pay \$1 initiation fee and \$1 a month dues.

The Dietz Catering Co., which now owns the restaurant, has made it known that it will be impossible to continue the business unless it receives outside aid.

Many of those who are signing the agreement have a sentimental interest in the restaurant, as they have been eating there daily for years. Some of those who have signed have been "Faust regulars" for more than 20 years and have never eaten their midday lunches elsewhere when in St. Louis.

The closing of the Southern Hotel and the prospective closing of the St. James Hotel and the Olympic Theater make the restaurant dependent upon these "regulars" for its support.



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## Commercial Interests of St. Louis LOOK TO SOUTH AMERICA FOR TRADE THAT IS NOW IMPRATICABLE IN MEXICO

Commercial and Industrial Interests of St. Louis  
Hold Advantage of Position, and Present Is  
the Opportunity to Obtain Lead and  
Profit From It.

ST. LOUIS has, perhaps, a more direct and keener concern in Mexican affairs than any other American trade center. It has rail connection with that country to the capital and water route to the Gulf coast points. For years the manufacturers and jobbers of St. Louis have been building up their interests down there and have extensive lines of trade established. Those interests mean millions of dollars annually during normal times, with constant increase as the trading powers of Mexico expanded.

Since the dawn of the era of revolution, riot, rapine, murder of Americans and starvation for the natives, three or four years ago, the volume of business between St. Louis and the republic to the south naturally has been shrinking at a lively rate. Now it is virtually extinct and will so remain until adjustment of differences takes place, either through defeat of the Mexicans in war or by peaceful means the nature of which has yet to appear. For St. Louis it is an issue the settlement of which cannot come too quickly, for a strictly business reason. From the standpoint of sentiment St. Louis is on exactly the same basis as the balance of the country. Her full quota of national goods was among the first to export readiness for whatever service the country might require of it, and the recruiting capacity was indicated in quick proffer of further military units when ever they might be needed.

**Business Element Most Important.**  
Extension of trade between St. Louis and South America is in the stage of rapid development. With a comparatively few of its larger institutions that business has been established for years, just as they have been exporters to nearly every quarter of the civilized world. The past few years have brought constantly increasing additions to the list of such exporters, until it has come to be recognized by manufacturers and jobbers in every part of the country that St. Louis was the city to reckon with in American competition.

It is just now impracticable to strengthen commercial relations with Mexico. They are probably disturbed for a long while, even though war with that country may be avoided, or, if precipitated by the ignorance and selfishness of the leaders down there, made short, sharp and decisive in favor of the United States. Meantime, what is temporarily lost in that direction may be more than overcome through intelligent and aggressive campaigning with the countries to the south of her.

**Trade With South America.**  
The best indication of what South America is able to buy, an authoritative writer pointed out recently, is what she has bought in normal times. The total of imports by that country from all the world from 1900 to 1913 increased from \$13,000,000 to \$14,042,000, or 238 per cent, which compares with an increase of 107 per cent in imports of the United States and of 100 per cent in the trade of the entire world so far as it appears in statistical form. The population grew from 38,000,000 to 55,000,000, an increase of 45 per cent, comparing with a 23 per cent increase in the United States. The imports of South America in 1913, the most recent normal year, averaged \$13.58 per capita, which compares with \$17.94 per capita imports by this country, \$5.55 in Central America, \$6.06 in Mexico, \$5.86 in Japan, \$1.27 in China, \$1.59 in India, less than \$3 in Asia as a whole and less than \$5 in Africa.

There are no definite statistics of South American per capita wealth, but if there were it is believed that there would be an end to the foolish policy of belittling it. There are, in fact, some indications that it is even greater than most of the intelligent guesses at it. Heretofore this country has been handicapped in the race with European competitors because of the scant supply of American capital and banking facilities in South America, but that drawback is not going to exist in future, according to financial authorities.

These facts and suggestions are given for the purpose of enlisting the earnest and intelligent attention of St. Louis in that vast and developing trade field while temporary withdrawal from Mexico is compulsory. There is far greater need for raw materials from that section of the world now than at any previous time owing to the enforced interruption of trade facilities with Europe, and it is regarded by capable observers as certain that even after peace is restored in Europe there are going to be embargoes which will seriously interfere with getting those materials from that quarter.

**Domestic Railways Prosperous.**  
A recent report by the Interstate Commerce Commission was illuminating to a surprising degree as to the business condition in the United States, as reflected by earnings of the railways. They are peculiar in that no money is to be made unless the volume of traffic is large, and this cannot be the case unless the country is moving commodities, which means business of a general nature. The commission figures, which are official and accurate, show that the gross revenues of the railroads for the year will largely exceed \$3,000,000,000 and the net income easily reach \$1,000,000,000. This will be with the smallest cotton crop the country has produced since 1909, the total as reported by the Census Bureau being 11,191,820 bales. As cotton constitutes one of the foremost revenue producers for the carrier interests, the figures of the Commerce Commission are the most interesting and instructive as to the scope and volume of general business. They reveal that the country is rapidly be-

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# The Two Peasants and the Emperor

A story of the good "Kaiser Franz" of Austro-Hungary

(Bohemia is one of those parts of the strangely combined empire of Austria-Hungary that has preserved its own nationality, speech and literature conspicuously. Today's story is from one of its most charming works, "Grandmother," by Bozena Nemcova (1820-1882). The tale selected is "Grandmother's" description of a meeting with Emperor Joseph, spouse of the great Maria Theresa. "Kaiser Franz," as the people called him, lives in the memory of all Austria-Hungary in many simple and ever-repeated stories. One of the country's beautiful poems tells how the Emperor, seeing the body of a poor person carried to the grave without mourners, took off his hat and followed the coffin to the burial ground.)

**GRANDMOTHER** had many stories. She knew all about the Kobolds in the Little Carpathians and about the great King of the mountains, Rubezahl. She had seen the soldiers and Generals of the mighty Napoleon, and she could tell tales, told to her by her own acquaintances from her experience, of the retreat from Moscow, when the Russians were helped by the three giant icy Men-January, February and March, who spread for Napoleon's men a white winding sheet that stretched over an empire the greatest pall that ever was woven in the world.

Best of all, however, her listeners loved to hear how once she spoke to the good Kaiser Franz. That was in the time (said grandmother) when Francis Joseph visited Josephstadt, or Jaromiera, as we Bohemians call it, very often. One day I left our village with my old cousin to sell blankets there that he had woven ourselves. They were a heavy load. I can tell you, and they were not the lighter for the knowledge that we might have to trudge long and far through the streets and up and down in the houses before we could hope to sell some.

On a meadow just outside of the town we sat down to put on our shoes, and when he stood up again we saw a gentleman walking toward us. He held something that looked like a flute. Every few minutes he put it to his face and then he would turn around in all directions.

## The Two Have a Long Talk

### With the Strange Gentleman

**THE** gentleman came straight toward us. He was a gray coat, a three-cornered hat and had a little pig-tail with a pretty ribbon. He was as beautiful as a picture. "Where away with the great burden?" he asked us. "To Josephstadt," answered my cousin, "with blankets for sale." She opened her bundle and spread one out. "Maybe you would like one!" she said, laughing. She was a good woman, but when it came to selling blankets she had no respect for anybody. "I suppose that your husband weaves these?" he said.

"He is dead these two years, dear little master. I do the weaving all myself. Yes, yes, it is well that I learned something. I'm always telling this last: 'Learn something, learn, learn something. What you know no man can steal from you!'"

"Is she your daughter?" asked the gentleman. "My cousin," she answered. "Yes, yes, she's little, and you can't see it in her, but she's strong. My faith, she wove this blanket all herself!"

The gentleman patted my shoulder and looked right into my eyes. "In all my life," said he, "I never saw more beautiful blue eyes. Why, they are exactly like corn-flowers!"

All this time I was staring at the queer tubs. "You'd like to look through it, wouldn't you?" he asked me. I grew redder than ever, and my cousin laughed. "He has thought that it was a flute and that you were a musician. But I told her what you are."

"Oh, do you know that?" he asked, and he laughed, too.

"Well, I don't know your name, but I know that you must be one of those who watch the builders," she said.

The gentleman laughed still more at that. "Now, look!" he said to me, and held the tube to my eye. What did I see? Pure miracle, nothing else. I looked straight into Jaromiera and could see the people and everything that they were doing in the streets, and even far beyond in the fields.

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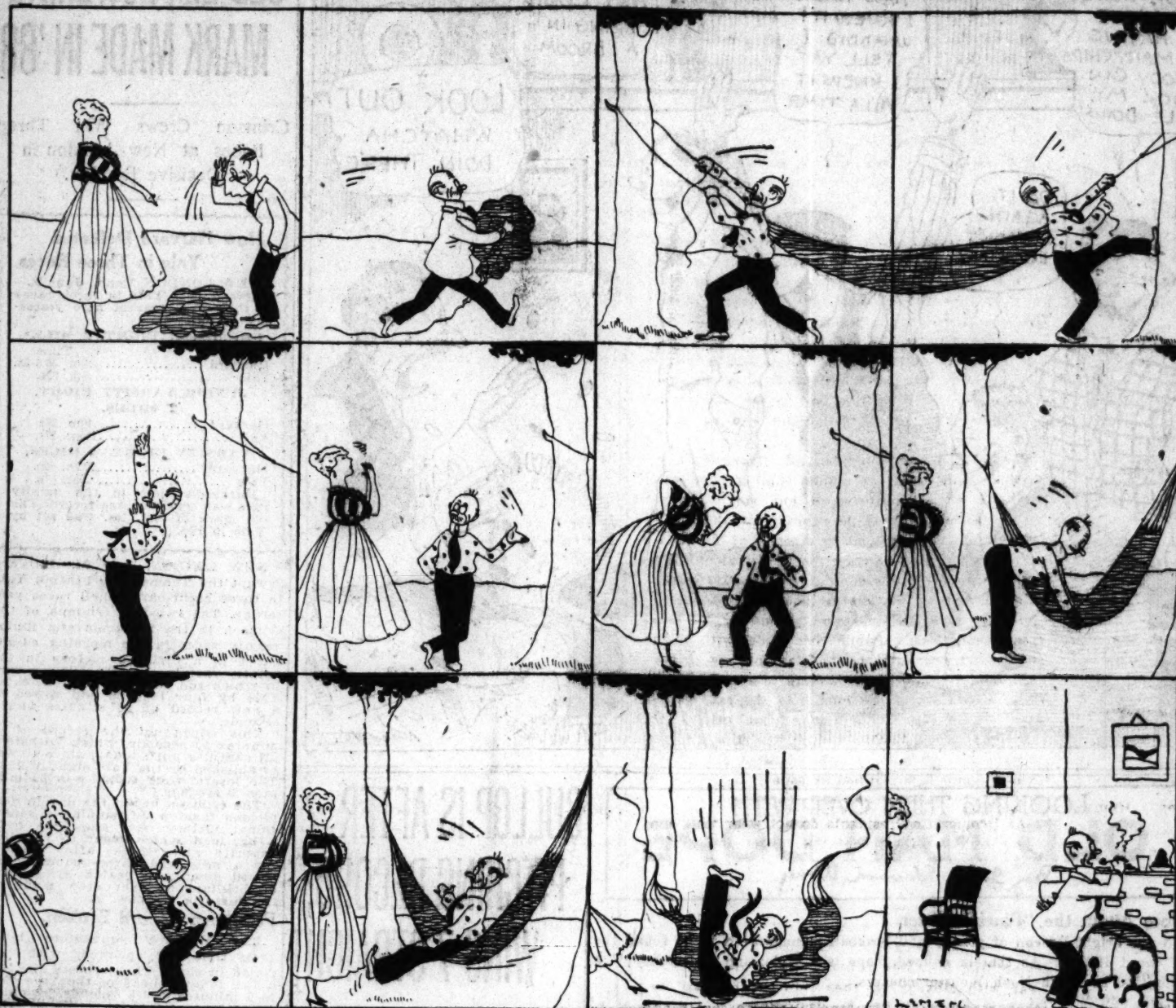
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# Mr. Handy Husband

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# The Sunless Lives

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

**THREE** women, a mother and two daughters, long ago, in the East, were sent to a hospital and held for observation. For two long years these three lived in a house from which they had shut out every ray of sunshine and which they had not left in all that time.



Then he gave me a silver dollar. "Keep this for remembrance," he told me. "Pray for Emperor Joseph and his wife. I wrote something on a piece of paper and gave it to her. 'Take that to the arsenal,'" he said. "And they will buy your blankets."

He hurried away with immensely long strides and we fell down right there on our knees and could not say a word for a long time. Then my cousin began to scold me for having been so unrespectful and she quite forgot that she had been worse. But we comforted ourselves with the belief that it had not made him angry at all. In the end we got three times more money for our blankets than we ever had obtained before.

I have had some hard days in my life (continued grandmother), but I never parted with the silver dollar and here it is around my neck. Oh, how sad it is that the green sod is over that good man.

"Sad, sad indeed," assented all, old and young, whenever grandmother told the story.

Bozena Nemcova is notable both as a poet and fiction writer. "Grandmother" is the simple story of a Bohemian peasant woman. Although it is an exceedingly long story, and quite without any dramatic episodes, it is so exquisite a human tale that the reader's only regret is that it is not longer. One may search in English literature in vain, rich as it is, to find a book more wholly tender and beautiful.

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## A PART OF PERFECTION.

A PART of perfection is the ambition to excel in our work. It matters not what our task is. The element of excellence may exist for the farmer who makes a perfectly cultivated field as truly as for the artist who makes a perfect Venus de Milo.

I think of a woman who can come as near making a perfect apple pie as anyone I ever knew. She has a peculiar glory in it, too. That act is a part of her perfection—it is one rung in her ladder.

Someone has said that he had the ambition to overcome each year one of his besetting sins. Each year is a rung in his ladder.

These steps upward toward perfection are many, and they are often difficult for different people. The important thing is to keep the attention fixed on the next higher rung of the ladder and keep climbing.

## "Adam's Apple."

**THE** small (sometimes large) knot or lump in the throat is thin man, and known as the "Adam's apple," got its name through the superstition of our unscientific ancestors.

They believed that Adam, on eating the forbidden fruit, had a piece of it catch in his throat and was unable to dislodge it. Man since, who has had this physical peculiarity, are said, and again of course superstitiously, to have inherited it from the father of mankind.

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# Bennie Dog and the Churn

By Mrs. F. A. Walker.

**AM** going to town this morning," said Bennie Dog's mother, "and I want you to put all the cream you find in the pantry into the churn. And don't you leave it until you have good, hard butter."

"Can't I wait until this afternoon?" said Bennie Dog. "I want to go swimming with Tommie Cat."

"No, you can't, and I should think you would keep away from Tommie Cat after all the tricks he has played you," said Madam Dog, putting on her bonnet.

Pretty soon Bennie Dog heard Tommie Cat meow outside. He opened the door. "Can't go swimming this morning," he said. "I have to stay at home and churn the cream."

Tommie Cat knew that butter was made from cream, so he said: "Bennie Dog, I will help you make that butter. If there is one thing I learned from being in Mr. Man's house it is the way the cook made butter. I have watched her many and many a time."

"All you have to do is to churn and churn," said Bennie Dog, and I call it hard work when you want to go swimming."

"Well, now to show how much I think of you, Bennie Dog," said Tommie Cat. "I will turn the churn handle while you take a swim and your mother won't know a thing about it, because I can make butter just as well as anyone. I know all about how to churn."

**BENNIE** DOG looked at Tommie Cat, but he looked so good-natured and innocent he was sure there could be no trick about this.

So off went Bennie Dog down toward the river. Tommie Cat watched him out of sight, and then he ran to the churn and lifted the cover.

He dipped in one paw and tasted it. "My! that is good."

By and by the cream was so low in the churn that Tommie Cat had to get in to reach it, and the next thing he knew he heard a noise; he poked his head up a little way out of the churn and there stood Bennie Dog's mother in the doorway.

Down went Tommie Cat into the bottom of the churn, hoping Madam Dog would go upstairs and take off her bonnet, but she didn't; she came right over to the churn.

"Now, where can that lazy Bennie Dog have gone," she said. "I'll have to do the churning myself, but I'll see to him when he comes back."

Madam Dog took hold of the handle and began to churn, and Tommie Cat thought all the while in the world were being thrown at him. "Meow, meow, meow!" he howled.

Madam Dog dropped the handle and ran out of the house, thinking lumps were after her.

Bennie Dog was just coming in, and when he saw his mother looking so frightened he began to run, too.

**TOMMIE** CAT jumped out of the churn and ran, too, and as he went past them Madam Dog screamed again, for Tommie Cat was covered in cream and looked like some dreadful creature.

When it was all over Madam Dog

# Just a Wife

(Her Diary) Chapters From a Bride's Life-Story.

Edited by Janet Trevor.

## Chapter XVI.

**AUGUST 2.**—Mrs. Thorndyke Denford called on me this afternoon. She said that Ned and I must dine at her house very soon. I ought to feel enormously flattered and excited. But I don't. I feel afraid.

Mrs. Denford is that darling of the Sunday newspapers, a society woman. She has a house just a few doors off the Avenue, on the east side, of course. We live on the west side. I have never lived any place else. She has another house at Lenox, a villa at Newport, a hunting lodge in the Adirondacks. She has quantities of money, no children and a tendency to neurasthenia. That last possession is the reason of her knowing Ned.

"Three years ago I thought the world and I had died," she told me. She is a dramatic, emotional woman; not cold and languid, as I had mentally pictured the society woman.

"I thought I was a widow morning among shadows," she continued, rapidly. "Everything was gray—sunlight, grass, my opera cloak of ruby velvet—everything. Oh, it was horrible! And nothing seemed to help me. My family physician could do nothing to cure my obsession. I think I should have gone mad. Then a friend told me of Dr. Houghton."

"I went to him. I quite threw myself on his mercy. After my first interview with him I felt better. He is so young and strong and magnetic! In the end he saved me, saved my reason. Having a peculiarly delicate and sensitive organism, I suffer now and then from severe attacks of nerve-fatigue. But Dr. Houghton can always quiet and restore me."

**An Invitation to Dine.** "Of course, I think that he does 'wonderful work,'" I assented with a smile.

"You know, I wondered just what sort of woman he would marry," she said with frankness that seemed to me amazing and—I confess—impertinent. "I've had a chance to study him, you see," she went on impudently. "He has been at our house so much. And a promising young man's career depends ever so largely on his

wife."

"He may be inspired or discouraged by the sort of home she makes for him," I agreed.

"Oh—of course, of course," Mrs. Denford dismissed it with a smile and a light wave of her beautifully gloved hand. "But a young physician's success depends on other things, you know. The profession is dreadfully crowded, I am told. A wide acquaintance and social connections are almost essential. It's easy for a presentable, unattached young man to be invited out. But if he's married he must return hospitality, and his wife either helps or hinders him."

"I am sure, dear Mrs. Houghton, that you will be nothing but a help. Of course, you haven't much entertaining to do just yet. I want you and the doctor to dine with me one night next week. I am keeping my town house open this summer, and I shall have several people whose acquaintance will be helpful to him. I trust you not to fail me. I know a bride longs to keep her husband to herself, but I am sure you're willing to make any sacrifice for Dr. Houghton's ultimate good."

**Not Keen About Society.** "AM, Ned, dearest. I will even let myself be patronized by Mrs. Denford and her friends. At least, she appreciates you, and I ought to be glad to hear you praised by anyone, man or woman. I AM glad. And I AM the woman you married, even though you knew girls whom you met at her house. I wonder if they all look like marvelous white orchids, as she does?"

Of course, since she was your patient, it would have been a violation of professional confidence for you to have discussed her with me. I knew that you attended several wealthy women. I suppose they all assume that subtly pretentious air when they are talking of someone for whose services they pay.

I'm not keen about "society." I think we could be perfectly happy without it. But if I ought to know these people on your account, Ned, I won't hide at home like a coward."

Only—perhaps Mrs. Denford will forget to send that dinner invitation. I wish she would forget!

(To Be Continued.)

# Be Thankful Things Die

**I**f everything born in a single hour were allowed to multiply unchecked by death there would soon be no foothold on all the earth for man.

Let us take the rotifer, one of the smallest created things—so tiny that it can scarcely be seen by the unaided eye. If all the progeny of a single rotifer were allowed to multiply unchecked for a year only its descendants would represent a solid sphere of closely-packed animalcules, millions of times larger than our earth.

Again, take the green fly, the pest of the rose grower. In a day one green fly can produce 15 others; the next day its family would number 225; on the third day 15,625; and so on until at the end of 10 days the last generation alone would have grown to thousands of quadrillions (a number expressed in 29 figures) and would outweigh 200 times the entire population of the earth today.

**A SINGLE** house fly would, at the end of 12 months, have a family more numerous than the combined population of Scotland and Ireland, and four years later its offspring would be counted in 27 figures. There would actually be millions of millions of millions of flies for every square foot of the earth's surface, sea as well as land.

If plants were permitted to multiply on similar lines the entire land surface of the earth would soon be a tangled mass of growth. If all the seeds produced by the red campion in a single year were allowed to grow, the resulting vegetation would, at the end of 20 years, cover the whole earth to a depth of many miles.

**A SINGLE** industrious codfish will lay from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 eggs at a time, of which, happily, but few survive. If, however, every egg produced a fish, and every fish were allowed to live and breed at the normal rate, the family of the original parent would, at the end of three years, number roughly a million times the population of Great Britain and Ireland, and would increase at such a rate that before many years had passed the seas would be a solid mass of codfish.

A pair of birds may produce in a year as many as 20 or more young ones. Let us take, as a very modest average, a family of 10, and allow the 10 and their descendants to breed and keep their young. In 10 years the parent birds would have a progeny of one thousand billions, counting the last generation only—a number sufficient to stretch a solid pall of birds over Southern New England 1000 feet in thickness.—Boston Post.

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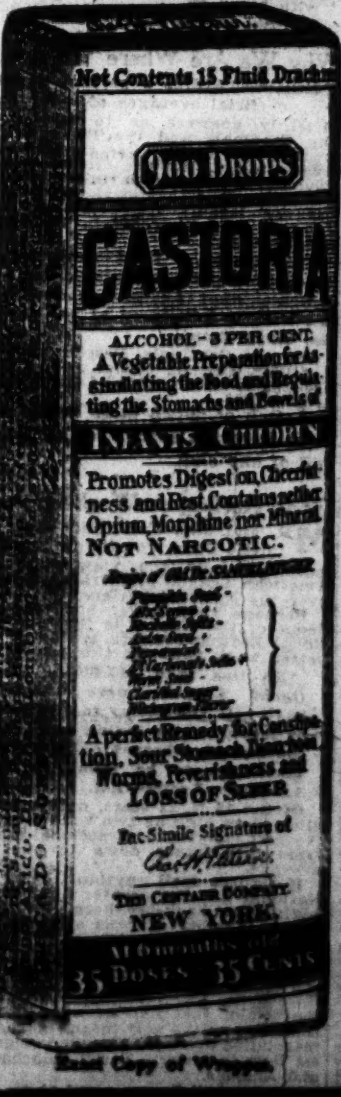
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